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Applicant(s): Gene A. Bornzin et al.
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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR AUTOMATING CAPTURE
VERIFICATION ASSESSMENT AND PACING THRESHOLD
ASSESSMENT USING A PROGRAMMER

Examiner: F. Oropeza**Art Unit:** 3762**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 1, 2002, please amend the application
as follows.

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IN THE CLAIMS**Claim 1 has been amended as follows:**

1. A system for automating review of capture verification by a medical practitioner, the system being configured for use with an implantable stimulation device implanted in a patient and a programmer operated by the medical practitioner and configured to remotely communicate with the implantable stimulation device, the system comprising:

autocapture means for performing automatic capture verification through the implantable stimulation device to detect a presence of a captured cardiac event and an absence of a captured cardiac event when the captured cardiac event is expected;